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SUBJECT: SHOOTING AT THE WALL

1. DURING LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 27, UNIDENTIFIED, APPROXIMATELY 30- YEAR OLD MAN ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM EAST BERLIN JUST NORTH OF REICHSTAG BUILDING, WAS CUT DOWN BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS- FIRE FROM EAST GERMAN GUARDS, AND FELL INTO SPREE RIVER WHERE HE DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW. EAST GERMAN POLICE BOATS (RIVER IS ENTIRELY WITHIN EAST BERLIN AT THAT POINT) COMMENCED SEARCH OPERATIONS AND 1950 RECOVERED APPARENTLY LIFELESS BODY. NO ROUNDS IMPACTED IN WEST BERLIN.

2. ON APRIL 28 FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY BRITISH (CHAIRMAN) PRESS OFFICER ON BEHALF OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THREE ALLIED COMMANDANTS:

QUOTE: AT 1755 ON 27 APRIL, GUARDS ON THE REICHSTAGUFER IN EAST BERLIN, ADJACENT TO THE TIERGARTEN DISTRICT OF THE BRITISH SECTOR, WERE OBSERVED TO FIRE SHOTS APPARENTLY AT A MAN ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE WALL AT THAT POINT. THE MAN FELL INTO THE SPREE, AND SOME TWO HOURS LATER AN APPARENTLY LIFELESS BODY WAS RECOVERED FROM THE WATER BY AN EAST GERMAN LAUNCH.

" THE ALLIED COMMANDANTS DEPLORE THIS FURTHER RECKLESS AND INHUMANE USE OF FIREARMS IN THE HEART OF BERLIN WHICH IS HARD TO RECONCILE WITH THE DESIRE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF TENSION WHICH HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. THE COMMANDANTS CALL UPON THE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE TO DEMONSTRATE GREATER CONCERN FOR INNOCENT LIVES AND TO PREVENT FURTHER SHOOTINGS OF THIS KIND. END QUOTE

3. SENAT AND FEDERAL MINISTER FOR INNER- GERMAN AFFAIRS FRANKE ALSO PROTESTED THE SHOOTING.

4. USCOB CONCURS. KLEIN

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